

were organized. On April 6th, 1903, residents elected Reuben Osborne as their Mayor. They also elected H.P. Foote, Julius Wischmeyer, Calvin Osborn, Frank Meilander, Burrett Sadler and William O. Matthews to represent their interests on Council. On May 4th, 1903, in the small quarters of School House No. 1, a meeting was held for the first-ever Council of the Village of Bay.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the City of Bay Village, Ohio, as we remember the founding settlers who formed this Village. We also commemorate the contributions of citizens, past and present, in celebrating the city's 200th Anniversary. The City of Bay Village has evolved and grown; yet its small-town charm, integrity and beautiful green spaces continue to define this treasured community in Greater Cleveland.

#### HONORING THE BENZIGER FAMILY

##### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Rep. MIKE THOMPSON, to honor the Benziger Family, whose economic, environmental, and philanthropic contributions in the Sonoma Valley have earned its businesses due recognition as 2010 Sonoma Valley Business of the Year. Both Benziger Family Winery and Imagery Estate Winery have pioneered a sustainable approach to agriculture and a humanitarian approach to business. Their active presence continues to strengthen and enrich Sonoma Valley communities.

Starting in the mid-1990s, Benziger Family Winery began its transition into biodynamic agriculture. They eliminated chemicals and other artificial elements in favor of a more holistic and organic method that capitalizes on the vitality of a vineyard that is allowed to thrive in a natural state. Benziger Family Winery has even been recognized by the National Resources Defense Council for its water conservation strategies. Imagery Estate Winery was founded in the same tradition, and the result is not only a greener footprint, but richer and more distinctive products that embody their unique places of origin. Indeed, Benziger Family Winery and Imagery Estate Winery have earned reputations as producers of exceptional quality not only in California, but worldwide.

The Benziger Family has brought the same care and commitment to its active role in Sonoma Valley communities, supporting local charities and volunteerism. It has been particularly instrumental in supporting Becoming Independent, a North Bay nonprofit dedicated to empowering people with developmental disabilities, and its wineries are a regular presence at the Sonoma Valley Harvest Wine Auction. Earlier this year, Benziger Family Winery also joined with the local Red Cross to support earthquake relief efforts in Haiti and in Chile.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join us in thanking the Benziger Family for its contributions to Sonoma Valley, and in congratulating its wineries on their success and well deserved recognition. Benziger Family Winery and Imagery Estate Winery are powerful ex-

amples of the value of community-minded business, and Sonoma Valley is stronger because of them.

#### TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER L. DIMATTIO

##### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the achievements of an outstanding individual, Christopher L. DiMattio.

As co-chair of the Italian-American Congressional Caucus, I am privileged to offer my sincerest congratulations for Christopher's selection as UNICO's National President on the occasion of UNICO's "Meet the President Night," an event being held in his honor. UNICO is our nation's largest Italian-American service organization.

His proven record of service to his community, faith, and strong Italian heritage makes him the perfect choice for this position with UNICO. Through his life and work, he has upheld UNICO's model of "Service above Self." He has served selflessly on the leadership board of UNICO. He also played an important role in the Roman Catholic Church's Diocese of Scranton.

His tireless work on the local level and in planning fundraisers and charity events has ensured that the numerous organizations he has served will flourish for years to come.

All of this outstanding service has not interfered with Christopher's professional and personal lives as in the least. He has received numerous awards for outstanding performance in his role as Senior Vice President at FNCB Wealth Management Services. Christopher also sets a wonderful example as a family man for his wife, Ann and his sons Louis Carlo, and Robert.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing individuals like Christopher DiMattio.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Christopher's family and friends, all the students and athletes whose lives he has touched and me in recognizing Mr. Christopher L. DiMattio.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS TODD M. HARRIS

##### HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Sergeant First Class Todd M. Harris, who was killed in action on November 3, 2010.

A native of Tucson, Arizona, Todd enlisted in the Army in 1998. A decorated combat veteran and graduate of the U.S. Army's Special Forces, Airborne, and Air Assault Schools, he was assigned to the 87th Infantry Battalion 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division

at Fort Drum, NY. He was on his fifth deployment which included two tours in Iraq and two in Afghanistan, when he was killed by small arms fire in Badghis Province, in northwestern Afghanistan. Among his many decorations, he earned the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Purple Heart. He was one of our Nation's most elite, best and bravest.

We remember Todd and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Todd made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

This body and this country owe Todd and his family a debt of gratitude, and it is vital that we remember him and his service to his country.

Sergeant First Class Todd Harris is survived by his mother, Willa; father, Samuel; son, Kai; and daughter, McKenna.

#### HONORING MEIKLEJOHN CIVIL LIBERTIES INSTITUTE

##### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the recent successful efforts of the Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute (MCLI) in persuading the California State Assembly and Senate to adopt Assembly Member Bill Monning's ACR 129, making California the first state in the nation to agree to publicize the text of three, U.S.-ratified U.N. human rights treaties, and to make the required periodic reports on race discrimination, police conduct, health care, prison conditions, treatment of the homeless, immigrant rights and many other violations of civil and political rights in all cities, counties and state agencies.

Templates will be furnished for the statewide reports, which seek ultimately to protect all civil rights, including those of arrested people, the unemployed, welfare applicants, members of the LGBT community, the disabled, children, seniors and union members.

The treaties and protocols included in ACR 129 are: International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR); Convention on Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD); and Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT), ratified by the U.S. in 1992 and 1994. Two Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, and on Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, ratified by the U.S. on December 23, 2002, are also covered. Yet, there is still much that can be done to ensure compliance with these treaties.

MCLI was founded in 1965 and soon established its Human Rights Reporting Project dedicated to educating lawyers, legal workers, judges, legislators, and non-governmental organizations on existing international human rights law.